

LOVE & UNITY – FOUR ASPECTS

8/30/25

- Today – Opportunity to give a Bible study
 - Title – “Love and Unity – Four Aspects”
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- Someone could say –
 “Dave, you aren’t listening to your Bible.”
 “There are only 2 aspects of love.”

Matt. 22:36 “Teacher, which is the great commandment in the law?”
Mark 12:28 “Which is the first commandment of all?”

- Love God with your heart, soul, mind and strength
 - Love your neighbor as yourself
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1. Accept Love – From Your Heavenly Father

1 John 4:12 no one has seen God at any time – if we love one another, God abides in us and His love has been perfected in us
13 by this we know that we abide in Him and He in us – because He has given us of His Spirit
14 we have seen & testify that the Father has sent the Son as Savior of world
15 whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God – God abides in him and he in God
16 God is love – he who abides in love abides in God and God in him
17 love has been perfected – may have boldness in the day of judgment
18 there is no fear in love – perfect love casts out fear – fear involves torment – he who fears is not made perfect in love
19 we love Him because He first loved us

2. Return Love – to Your Heavenly Father

Matt. 4:10 “you shall worship the Lord your God, and Him only shall you serve”
Matt. 5:16 glorify your Father in heaven
Matt. 6:5-8 talk to your Father
Luke 11:1-4 talk to your Father
5-8 persistence
9-13 ask – seek – knock

3. Love Yourself – (Self-Respect)

John 3:16 God gave His Son – for me and you
 17 God did not send His Son to condemn the world – but to save the world
Phil. 2:3 esteem others better than yourself

4. Love Your Neighbor

Amos 3:3 can two walk together, unless they are agreed?

- Not demanding – not “group think”
Have personal convictions
Respect the personal convictions of other people
 - friends
 - family
 - teachers
 - bosses
 - dating
 - marriage
- Understand – boundaries
Understand – when to share boundaries
 - with friends
 - on the job
 - with dating
 - courtship and marriageUnderstand – how to communicate boundaries

1 Cor. 7:2-5 sharing love in marriage
Gal. 6:1 when someone needs help.....
 Are you the right person for the job?
 Are you able to help in the right manner?

1 Cor. 8:1 we know that we all have knowledge – love edifies
 2 none of us – has all the answers
 3 treat people well – because you love God
 9 beware lest this liberty of yours – somehow becomes a stumbling block
 11 because of your knowledge, shall the weak brother perish?
 12 when you sin against brethren (who have a weak conscience), you sin
 against Christ

1 Cor. 13:1-3 importance of love